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Enter the Saviour!

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Enter The Savior!
Lesson for December 21, 1980
Scripture References: Matthew 1:18 -2:23
Focal Passage: Matthew 1:18-25
INTRODUCTION

'Twas the night before Christmas . . . and a loved one recovered from a serious illness. 'Twas the night before Christmas . . . and a son returned home from a war. 'Twas the night before Christmas . . . and a broken home was mended with love. 'Twas the night before Christmas . . . and a runaway child shows up at the back door. 'Twas the night before Christmas . . . and life was dark and dreary. 'Twas the night before Christmas . . . and enter the Savior!

A BABY IS BORN! [Matt. 1:18-25]

The birth of a child is not headline news except for the baby's relatives and friends. In the hospital babies are born each day without a great deal of fanfare. The birth of Jews was not an earth-shaking event, at least in the eyes of the Romans. Who cared that a lowly woman gave birth to a baby?

Matthew's story points to the divine and human lineage of Jesus. Matthew also plays up the role of Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus. Jesus was and is the Son of God, and Joseph acted as Jesus' "adopted father." Joseph certainly played a significant part in the life of Jesus. Together, Mary and Joseph provided Jesus with nurture and care and love.

It's interesting that the Savior was given two names by the angel who visited Joseph. The name Jesus is a Jewish name, the Greek form of the Old Testament name Joshua meaning "God is salvation." We remember Joshua as a military leader who saved the people from their enemies.

Jesus' other name, Emmanuel, is interpreted to mean "God with us." Jesus entered the world as the Savior who was both God and man.

THE UNWELCOMED VISITOR [Matt. 2:11-18]

There are some people who will not give up their search for truth and meaning. The magic in the Christmas narrative are fascinating in their respective roles. We are not sure of their motives, but having seen and "worshipped" the infant Jesus, they decided not to return in person to report to Herod the Great.

Their earlier questions and observations about the announced arrival of the Messiah were reported to Herod, who was intimidated by anyone who represented a challenge to his power.

When the Wise Men did not show up to make their report to Herod, the king sent out orders to kill all male children under two years old. Thus, even the New Testament has its story of massacre and slaughter. One might compare the actions of Herod to the later actions of Hitler.

Of course, the life of Jesus was spared when Jospeh was warned in a dream to take Mary and Jesus and go to Egypt. So, Joseph and his family were driven from their home to become refugees in a strange land.

BACK HOME AGAIN [Matt. 2:19-23]

The story of Jesus and his early days of danger from Herod says something significant about Joseph. He was a sensitive man to the divine leadership of God. From the early beginnings, Joseph stayed close to Mary and supported her, even though the circumstances of her pregnancy were questionable in the eyes of some.

As a good father, Joseph protected his wife and son from the death wishes of Herold, and once Herod died, Joseph brought his family back to Israel.

What a joyful occasion it must have been for them to return to their homeland. Unfortunately, Joseph could not take his family back to Bethlehem, because Archelous, Herod's successor, took up the violent reign of his dead father. Once again Joseph received instructions to go elsewhere.

Joseph took his family to Nazareth where Jesus would spend his early years of childhood. Nazareth would become well-known as the roots of him who came to set people free and to forgive them of their sins.

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At Christmas

Expectation

By REV. PETER HALE
Pastor Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church.

Expectations are funny things. We look forward to Christmas with expectation, especially the children. Visions of sugar plums, toys and presents dance before their eyes. They have great expectations about what Christmas day would bring.

Others have had expectations, too. John the Baptist had expectations about what would happen as a result of his ministry. I think he fully expected that the final judgement was at hand. The wrath to come was at hand the axe was laid to the root of the tree.

Now this man of the free desert, accustomed to breathing the desert air, and eating wild food was in prison. He was jailed when he criticized Herod for marrying his brother's wife. And things were not coming down as he expected and he began to wonder. The man Jesus whom John thought would be the Messiah seemed to be silent. So he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if they should expect someone else.

Our Lord's answer pointed to the dead that were being done, infulfillment of ancient prophecies. John's expectations caused him some problems.

Our expectations do the same for us. How many people have you heard of who have received Christ then because of disappointment and other factors drift away. We should remember that we come to Christ on his terms, not on our expectations. We are receipants of His love. We do not fit God into our mold. We do respond to his call.

KIM WOODS, T. M. Phelps, Tina Grove, Keith Fanney and Tracy Woods place their homemade ornaments on the tree. Decorations were made by students in Miss Pamela White's 5th grade class at AES. Senior 4-H members Bonnie Drinkard, Laura and Cheryl Walton aided the students in completing the sewing needed to be completed with a sewing machine.

Church plans annual

Christmas gift program

The Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church will celebrate its annual Joy Gift program on Sunday evening, December 21 at 6 p.m. with a family covered-dish dinner immediately following. The Chancel Choir will present a program of Christmas music under the direction of Mrs. Teresa Crawford, accompanied by Mrs. Virginia Carnefix, with flutist, Carolyn Carnefix. The program will feature special solos by Sandra Martin, Teresa Crawford, Peter Hale, Plicky Williams and Jim Crawford as well as selections by the young girls' chorus and entire choir, together with scriptual reading of The Christmas Story. Unique lighting and decorating of the sanctuary will provide a setting for worship and celebration of the birth of Christ. Members of the choir are as follows: sopranos: Debbie Williams, Vivian Godsey, Carolyn Carnefix, Sandy Giles, Lisa Williamson, Wanda Simpson, Denise McCormick. Altos: Sandra Martin, Louise McCormick, Pat Evans, Nancy Cole, Norma Vance. Tenors: Earl Martin, Jim Crawford, Alan Edmunds, and Basses: Plicky Williams, Peter Hale, Marshall Goin and David Caldwell.

The Joy Gift is a special offering given each Christmas season in love for our retired ministers and their families and widows. This offering is used for income assistance, health care and emergency needs for those who serve our church so faithfully.

The public is cordially invited to come and share in this program and the covered-dish dinner hosted by the Women of the Church.

Banks will close

The American Federal Savings and Loan Association, Triangle Plaza Shopping Center; Central Fidelity Bank, Downtown and Hillcrest Branch; and The Farmers National Bank, Downtown and Triangle Plaza Shopping Center Branch will close on December 24 at 2 p.m. for the Christmas holiday and reopen on December 26 at 9:00 a.m. Closing hours on December 26 and December 31 will be 2:00 p.m. Regular banking hours will be observed at all other times.

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Letter

Shaner recognized

Dear Editor:

Mr. Kenneth Shaner has maintained the Sanitary Disposal Transfer Site Number 1, located off Route 460 in Concord. He has done this for Campbell County from November, 1974 to November, 1980. Giving this time, the Tranfer Site has been kept neat and clean with no trash accumulating and staying on the ground for extended periods of time.

This has been due to regular supervision of the Transfer Site by Mr. Shaner and the pride and courtesy of local residents. Transfer Site Number One has been kept neater and cleaner than conditions viewed in surrounding counties where, perhaps, an individual is not responsible for maintenance of a local transfer site.

In today's world we frequently read or hear of declining job productivity and a lack of pride shown by individuals in their jobs. Mr. Shaner has taken pride in doing a job well on behalf of Campbell County and the local Concord residents.

The Concord Ruritan Club would like to recognize this individual who has performed a valued public service for six years in the Concord Community.

Concord Ruritan Club
Richard W. Lewis, Pres.

In Appomattox

Music students cited

The following students from the class of Mrs. Virginia Carnefix received awards for outstanding work during the fall semester.

Receiving first place award in memory, was Shelia Mullins for memorizing the most pieces during the last four months. Shelia memorized 15 pieces at the intermediate level.

Awarded first place for the best practice record and overall outstanding work in all areas was Anne Hancock.

In creativity the first place award was earned by Beth Marston. During the first two years of musical study all students learn their major and minor scales and cadences. Beth did an outstanding job in this field.

First runnersup receiving awards in each category were as follows: Memory - Lisa Williamson with 14 pieces at the intermediate level; lesson preparation and overall work - Lisa Williamson and Wayne Martin; and Shelia Mullins; Creativity - Cheryl Simpson with 12 created and written pieces scale and cadence work - Lisa Williamson.

Honorable mention for excellent memory work goes to Sherry Wilcox with 12 pieces at the late elementary level, overall class preparation and work to Sherry Wilcox and Kathy White; creativity to Anne Hancock, and Lisa Williamson, and scale and cadence work to Lisa Rogers, Cheryl Jennings, Monica Stratton, Jennifer Schmuiz and David Fedison.

The students received awards during class parties this week. Each one has done superior work and advanced musically in every area.

Congratulations, to you all!

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Mr. and Mrs. Ben Marshall, Mr. Steve Marshall, and Mr. and Mrs. Rand Hall visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith and girls and Rev. and Mrs. DoyleChancey and boys in Richmond Sunday. They attended "The White Christmas Program" at Branch's Baptist Church and "Christmas Fantasia" at Bon Air Baptist Church.

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Mr. and Mrs. Don Moses, Jr. have returned to Baltimore, Md., after visiting his mother, Mrs. Willie Moses.

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Saturday guests in the home of Mrs. Helene Harvey were Mrs. E. B. Hunt, Mrs. Betty Brooke, Mr. Ken Stanley and his son, Charles.

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Mrs. George White is spending some time in the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. W. Knierien of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Dot Wilkerson, Mrs. Thelma Hughes, Mrs. Patsy Pierce and Mrs. Doris McClary have just returned from a week's vacation in Florida, where Mrs. McClary was united with her husband Paul in Fort Lauderdale. Mr. McClary is serving a tour of duty with the United States Coast Guard. From there they toured Miami, Cypress Gardens, Sea World and Disney World.

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Robert C. Hubbard has recently returned from a visit with his sister, Mrs. Grace Summersgill, of Port Arthur, Texas.

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Mrs. Louise Schlenkermann, of Hollywood, Fla., was a recent guest in the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. C. G. O'Brien.

Miss Linda Gail Torrence

Miss Torrence will wed Mr. Almond

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Torrence of Appomattox announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Gail, to Mr. Donald Lee Almond, Jr., the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Donald Almond.

The wedding will be an event of April 4,1980 at Liberty Baptist Church. Although no invitations are being sent, relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Miss Donna Alise Hogan

Miss Hogan, Mr. Kirby will wed

Mrs. Betty Rodgers of Appomattox and Mr. Donald Hogan of Belsaville, N.C. announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna Alise, to Clayton Roger Kirby, son of Mrs. Charlotte Huffman of Richlands, N.C.

Miss Hogan is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and is presently employed as a dental assistant in Wilmington, N.C.

Mr. Kirby is a graduate of Richlands High School and is office manager for Sun-America of Wilmington, N.C.

The wedding is planned for Feb. 14, 1981 at the Richlands United Methodist Church, Richlands, N.C.

Mrs. Schauback weds Rev. Shockley

The wedding of the Rev. J. E. Shockley and Mrs. Nellie C. Schauback was solemnized in the chapel of the Chestnut Hill Baptist Church in Lynchburg on November 29, at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Alden L. Hicks, the former pastor of Crews Baptist Church, performed the double ring ceremony.

Dr. James E. Shockley, Jr. of Blacksburg, a son of the groom, served as best man and Mrs. Gladys Anderson of Richmond attended the bride as matron of honor.

Mrs. Jean Staylor assisted by Miss Debbie Staylor served as mistress of ceremonies.

The bride was escorted to the altar by Mr. Buster Wilkerson. Miss Marie Staylor played the wedding music and Mr. V. C. Bozeman concluded the service by singing the "Lord's Prayer."

A reception followed at the church pastorium.

After a few days, the Rev. and Mrs. Shockley plan to journey to Florida for the winter.

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Concord Garden Club has flower show

The Concord Garden Club staged a home flower show December 6 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Raymond Carson. It was a beautiful day and the show was well attended.

"Christmas Comes to Concord" was the theme used. Results of the judging, as performed by three judges, were as follows:

Division I, class 1 - "Welcome" (doors): first place, Mrs. John Wooldridge, second place Mrs. Charles F. Jones, third place Mrs. Emma Mae Braund, honorable mention Mrs. J. W. Pratt." Class 2 "Expressions of 1980" (Living Room): first place "Mrs. John Wooldridge, second place Mrs. J.W. Pratt, third place Mrs. Emma Mae Braund, honorable mention Mrs. Ernest Goff.

Class 3 "Gracious Living for the Holidays" (Dining Room): first place Mrs. John Wooldridge, second place Mrs. Charles F. Jones, third place Mrs. Ernest Goff, honorable mention Mrs. J. F. MacKenzie.

Class 4 "Happy Holidays in the Kitchen": first place Mrs. Raymond Carson, second place Mrs. James Hammond, third place Mrs. Kelly Webb, honorable mention Mrs. Dewey Booth.

Class 5 "Christmas Joy" (bedroom): first place Mrs. harvey Hite, second place Mrs. Kelly Webb, third place Mrs. John Wooldridge, honorable mention Mrs. James Hamm.

Other superlatives noted included: Best in Show (artistic), Mrs. John Wooldridge; Best in Show (horticulture) Mrs. James Hancock, Jr.; Sweepstakes (most blue ribbons), artistic, Mrs. John Wooldridge; horticulture, Mrs. James Hancock, Jr.

Christmas program slated

There will be a children's Christmas program and candlelight service at Red Oak Baptist Church in Oakville on Sunday, December 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Following the service there will be a time of fellowship and refreshments in the fellowship hall at which time Santa Claus will appear for the children.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Maxwells announce birth of son

Tom, Carol and Kim Maxwell proudly announce the birth of Thomas Christopher on November 20th. Christopher weighed six pounds and seven ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Melvin G. Giles of Lynchburg. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Graydon C. Maxwell of Pamplin.

Miss Deborah Ann Nuckols

Miss Nuckols will wed Mr. Jones

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Nuckols of Lynchburg announce the engagement of their daughter, Deborah Ann, to James Twyman Jones, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Mundy Jones of Appomattox.

Miss Nuckols is a graduate of E. C. Glass High School and is employed by A. G. Jefferson, Inc.

Mr. Jones was graduated from Appomattox County High School and is employee of Thomasville Furniture Co.

The wedding is planned for December 31.

Dinner honors Mrs. Lawson

Mrs. Rachel F. Lawson was the honored guest when Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Lawson entertained at their home on Friday evening with a surprise birthday dinner at 6:30.

A color scheme of lavender and pink added a festive atmosphere to the home. Dinner was served buffet style to approximately fifty guests. The guest list included children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, other relatives and friends of Mrs. Lawson.

Covingtons will celebrate anniversary

The children of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Covington, Sr. will celebrate the 50th anniversary of their parents at the Covington home on December 24 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

Even though no invitations are being sent, friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend.

Miss Carolyn Beatrice Grishaw

Miss Grishaw, Mr. Totty will wed

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Grishaw of Evergreen announce the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn Beatrice, to Dennis K. Totty, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Totty of Spout Spring.

Miss Grishaw is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and is employed by American Federal Savings and Loan Association.

Mr. Totty is also a graduate of Appomattox County High School and is employed by Lynchburg Foundry, Archer Creek Plant.

The wedding will be an event of May 29, 1981 at eight o'clock in the evening at the Evergreen Baptist Church.

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